



## NEWS RELEASE

### Media Contact:

Sarah Ardalani  
Public Information Officer  
213-257-2000  
[SArdalani@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:SArdalani@da.lacounty.gov)  
Twitter: @LADAOOffice

June 3, 2015

## Man Sentenced to Prison for Honey Oil Explosion

A 40-year-old man convicted of setting his landlord's house on fire following a honey oil explosion was sentenced today to two years in prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On May 26, Sean Paul McErlane (dob 10/18/74) pleaded no contest to one felony count of recklessly causing fire to an inhabited structure in case NA099394.

Deputy District Attorney Tapti Patel, who prosecuted the case, said the defendant was renting a Long Beach home near 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Dawson Avenue at the time of the crime.

Inside the residence, McErlane was cooking marijuana oil to sell to dispensaries, the prosecutor said.

On March 17, 2014, McErlane left the residence and went to a nearby bar when he heard a boom. At that point, the defendant realized the home was on fire, the prosecutor said.

The defendant immediately returned to the house to save his dog, the prosecutor said. In the process, the McErlane severely burned his hand, the prosecutor added.

Following an investigation into the fire, authorities arrested McErlane and he was charged on June 25, 2014.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

###

### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.